

House Resolution No. 1603

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has brought great commitment and steadfast dedication to the teaching profession; and

Whereas, Linda Wilson DeVito, an esteemed resident of Grandview, Missouri, will officially retire from the Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District on August 30, 2004, after a successful career in education that has spanned more than three decades; and

Whereas, Linda DeVito has played an integral role in the educational development of numerous youngsters as an educator with the Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District for eighteen years, prior to which time she gained an immeasurable amount of teaching experience with the Joplin R-VIII School District for nine years, the Oklahoma Public Schools for one year, the Frenchman R-III School District in Colorado for two and one-half years, and Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington for two years; and

Whereas, during her impressive career in education, Linda DeVito taught a variety of subjects at the secondary level, including American history, government, Missouri history, world history, geography, reading, GED classes, ESL classes, and students with learning disabilities; and

Whereas, listed in Who's Who Among American Teachers, Linda DeVito is exceedingly proud of her affiliation with such important organizations as the National Education Association, Phi Delta Kappa, and Phi Theta Kappa; and

Whereas, a literacy tutor and community volunteer who greatly enjoys reading, gardening, animals, and traveling, Linda DeVito has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her son and daughter-in-law, Derek and Kimberly DeVito; and her five brothers, C.R. Wilson, Glenn Wilson, Dean Wilson, Art Wilson, and Carl Wilson:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Linda DeVito for her thirty-two years of unparalleled service to the Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District and to the teaching profession, and in wishing her the long, rewarding retirement she so richly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Linda Wilson DeVito.

Offered by _____
Representative Cathy Jolly
District No. 45

Representative Rex Rector
District No. 124

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1603, adopted April 8, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker